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1. (amended) A card retention system for retaining a card within a computer system, comprising:
- a card having an endplate;
  - a carrier configured to mount within the computer system;
  - a retainer configured to be pivotally positionable in the carrier; and
  - a lock mechanism configured to inhibit rotation of the retainer to an open position when the retainer is in a closed position; and
- wherein at least one surface of the retainer couples to the endplate of the card when the retainer is in the closed position to inhibit movement of the card, and wherein the retainer further comprises a grip configured to facilitate retraction of the protrusion to allow the retainer to be rotated to the open position..
12. (amended) A retention mechanism for retaining a card within a computer system, comprising:
- a carrier configured to mount within the computer system, the carrier comprising a rotation inhibitor; and
  - a retainer pivotally coupled to the carrier, the retainer having at least one surface configured to engage the card when the retainer is in a closed position; and
- wherein a portion of the retainer contacts the rotation inhibitor when the retainer is in the closed position to inhibit rotation of the retainer to an open position.
22. (amended) A card retention system for a computer system, comprising:
- a card having an endplate;
  - a carrier configured to mount within the computer system, the carrier comprising a stop;
  - a retainer rotatably positionable in the carrier, wherein the stop of the carrier is configured to hold the retainer in an open position; and

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a lock mechanism configured to inhibit rotation of the retainer to the open position when the retainer is in a closed position; and

wherein at least one surface of the retainer couples to the endplate of the card when the retainer is in the closed position to inhibit movement of the card, and wherein the retainer further comprises a grip configured to facilitate retraction of the protrusion to allow the retainer to be rotated to the open position.